

REMARKS

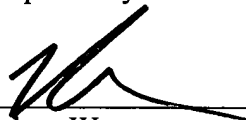
The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7-9, and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Want et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,727) in view of Armstrong (U.S. Patent No. 5,461,385) in view of Web (U.S. Patent No. 6,843,427) and further in view of Watters et al. (U.S. Patent Application 20020154029).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Watters et al. was filed on April 3, 2002 and is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent No. 6,806,808. The portions of Watters et al. cited by Examiner are not available as a prior art as set forth in 35 U.S.C. §102, and thus cannot serve as the basis of a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, because the portions cited by the Examiner were new matter added to Watters et al. as of the April 3, 2002 filing date of the CIP and therefore do not predate the May 6, 1999 priority date of the present application.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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